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SUBJ: DRC MEETING JULY 31, 1975

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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT JULY 31 MEETING, DRC AGREED TO ISSUE NEW VERSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR GROUP ON FORCE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS, REVISED TO REFLECT DELETIONS TO PARA 5 (C) PROPOSED IN REF B. REGARDING PARA 4 (C), IS WILL CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OFFICES IN US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THROUGH USNATO. DRC WILL ADDRESS TOR (AS REVISED) AND FRAME OF REFERENCE (FOR) (AS IN DRC/N(75)16) IN SEPTEMBER. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, DRC ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE, UK OFFER TO COMMITTEE TO VISIT REF BRUGGEN DURING WEEK OF SEP 29-OCT 2 AND SACLANT OFFER OF PRESENTATION TO 1976 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP ON "CONCEPTS OF DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE AT SEA." END SUMMARY.

1. NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (NFPDB) - MR PUHL (HEAD OF
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SYSTEMS ANALYSIS SECTION, IS) INTRODUCED DISCUSSION OF DRC/N(75)16 BY GIVING BRIEF HISTORY OF PROPOSAL. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) QUESTIONED BOTH NEED FOR A FRAME OF REFERENCE (FOR) AND ITS STATUS AS LEGAL DOCUMENT. PUHL POINTED OUT

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AD HOC GROUP HAD FELT NEED FOR PAPER TO DESCRIBE OUTER LIMITS WITHIN WHICH DATA BASE WOULD BE MAINTAINED AND USED. PUHL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FOR NOT BE TOO GENERAL AND YET RETAIN FLEXIBILITY.

2. PER REF B, US REP (BADER) RESERVED ON ACCEPTING FOR, AND REQUESTED DELETION OF THAT PART OF TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) PARA 5 (C) STARTING WITH "OR INDEPENDENTLY" AND RUNNING THROUGH END OF 5 (C) (I). WITH REGARD TO PARA 4 (C) OF TOR US REP POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THE IS WOULD ADDRESS OFFICES IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THROUGH US NATO.

3. PUHL RESPONDED THAT THE PURPOSE OF PARA 4 (C) WAS TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND TO AVOID GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN TEDIOUS FORMAL EXCHANGES. ALTHOUGH DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WERE FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PUHL STATED IT WAS EASIER TO WORK WITH NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS AND HE INTENDED TO CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE.

4. NETHERLANDS REP AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (COMMODORE GELUYKENS) SUPPORTED DELETION OF "OR INDEPENDENTLY" FROM PARA 5 (C) OF TOR. SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER) ACCEPTED THE TOR AND FOR AS WRITTEN BUT WANTED TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE US AND MC COMMENTS.

5. NORWEGIAN REP (LEINE), UK REP (LEGGE) AND ITALIAN REP (RADM CAMPAGNANO) AGREED TO TOR AND FOR AS WRITTEN, FRG REP (BGEN SCHUNEMANN) APPROVED BOTH DOCUMENTS AS LONG AS THE FOR WAS CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE TOR. FRG REP ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA BASE AS PROPOSED IN PARA VI OF FOR. DANISH REP (ROSENTHAL) AGREED TO TOR AND FOR ON PERSONAL BASIS, BUT RESERVED FORMAL APPROVAL PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM COPENHAGEN.

6. NETHERLAND REP STATED THE HAGUE FINDS FOR TOO GENERAL, AND FEELS IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TOR. THE DUTCH REP SUPPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

DELETION OF "OR INDEPENDENTLY" FROM PARA 5 (C) AND REQUESTED THAT PARA 2 OF TOR BE REVISED TO READ "IDENTIFY ALL IMPORTANT DATA ELEMENTS BASED ON INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE GROUP BEARING IN MIND THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE CONTENTS OF "NATIONS' DATA BASES." THE RATIONALE FOR THIS CHANGE WAS THAT IF DATA REQUIREMENTS WERE NOT WELL COORDI-NATED THEY COULD GENERATE NEED TO ESTABLISH EXTENSIVE REPORTING MACHINERY WITHIN GOVERNMENTS TO FEED DATA BASE.

7. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS POINTED OUT CHANGE WAS UNNECESSARY SINCE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY WOULD DECIDE ON THE NECESSARY DATA ELEMENTS. HUMPHREYS DID NOT WISH TO SPECIFY "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY" AS THIS COULD VARY FROM CASE TO CASE.

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8. IN RESPONSE TO SHAPE REP QUESTION THE CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (NFPDB) WOULD OPERATE IN PARALLEL WITH THE DPQ. AT SOME POINT IT MAY SUPPLANT THE DPQ (I.E., THERE MAY BE A COMPUTERIZED DPQ) BUT ONLY AFTER THE NFPDB HAS BEEN PROVEN OUT. THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM WAS NOT TO CHANGE AMOUNT OF DATA VAILABLE FOR USE BUT TO IMPROVE HANDLING AND FLOW.

9. SUMMING UP, HUMPHREYS STATED COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO PARA 2 OF TOR, OR TO PARA 4, RECOGNIZING, HOWEVER, US PREFERENCE TO HAVE REUESTS FUNNELED THROUGH THE MISSION. PARA 5 (C) WOULD BE CHANGED TO READ AS US REQUESTED, HOWEVER THE CHAIRMAN MADE A PARENTHETICAL STATEMENT THAT THE IS WOULD "JOLLY WELL DO IT ANYWAY" IF THEY SO DESIRED. FOR IS TO BE GENERAL STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTING TOR AND WILL NOT HAVE STAUS OF A LEGAL DOCUMENT. DRC WILL ADDRESS REVISED DOCUMENTS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, PUHL STATEED GROUP ON DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

10. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER ON AUGUST 1, PUHL ASKED WHETHER US COULD ACCEPT PARA 5 (C) OF TOR WITH SIMPLE DELETION OF WORDS "OR INDEPENDENTLY," AND RETENTION OF PRESENT SUB PARA (I) AS WRITTEN. IF US CANNOT ACCEPT SUB PARA (I) AS WRITTEN, PUHL ASKED IF US COULD PROPOSE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE TO RETAIN THRUST OF SUB PARA, WITH ANY NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED. GUIDANCE AS TO CONFIDENTIAL

WHETHER US CAN ACCEPT PARA 5 (C) OF TOR WITH SIMPLE DELETION OF WORDS "OR INDEPENDENTLY" AND RETENTION OF PRESENT SUB PARA (I). IF NOT, DOES WASHINGTON WISH TO PROPOSE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR PRESENT SUB PARA (I)?

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A. DRC VISIT TO RAF BRUGGEN. DRC ACCEPTED UK INVITATION FOR ONE-DAY VISIT TO RAF BRUGGEN IN LATTER PART OF WEEK OF SEP 29 - OCT 3. NETHERLANDS REP STATED THE HAGUE IS LOOKING AT POSSIBILITY OF ADDING A DRC VISIT TO SOME INSTALLATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS FOLLOWING VISIT TO RAF BRUGGEN.

B. 1976 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP. SACLANT REP (CAPTAIN MAYO) SAID THAT ALTHOUGH "CONCEPTS OF DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE AT SEA" WAS NO LONGER LISTED AS TOPIC FOR 1976 WORKSHOP, SACLANT WAS STILL OFFERING A PRESENTATION ON SUBJECT. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS ACCEPTED OFFER, IN PRINCIPLE, AND STATED THAT UPON RECEIPT OF OFFERS ON OTHER TOPICS, IS WOULD TAKE STOCK AND ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUCT MORE STRUCTURED PROGRAM.

C. DRC/N(75)12 - "MOBILIZATION AND FORCE EXPANSION PLANS AND POTENTIAL - A SUMMARY OF MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN IN TIMES OF TENSION TO AUGMENT THE FORCES IN THE AREAS OF ACE, ACLANT, AND ACCHAN." HUMPHREYS DREW ATTENTION TO STATEMENT

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IN DOCUMENT REQUESTING DELEGATIONS TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON
THEIR NATIONAL FORCES BY APRIL 30, 1975. IS HAD INTENDED
TO PUBLISH UPDATED VERSION OF DOCUMENT AROUND END OF JULY
1975, BUT HAVING RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM DELEGATIONS NOW
INTENDED TO DRAW FROM 1975 DPQ SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLISH
UPDATE IN AUTUMN.

D. SHAPE FORCE PROPOSALS, 1977-1982. REFERRING TO RECENT
EXAMINATION OF THESE PROPOSALS IN LONDON, UK REP NOTED THAT
A NUMBER OF THEM ENJOINED UK TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES, SOMETIMES
UNILATERALLY, SOMETIMES IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER NATIONS.
UK HAD SOME DOUBT THAT FORCE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE USED TO GENERATE
STUDIES, AND THOUGHT MNCS MIGHT PERHAPS REPHRASE FORCE PRO-
POSALS TO CALL FOR SPECIFIC ACTION, E.G., REPLACING OBSOLESCENT
MATERIEL FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF STUDIES. HUMPHREYS SUPPORTED
UK SUGGESTION AND ASKED MC AND MNC REPS TO TAKE NOT OF IT.
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